

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application and stand rejected. By the above amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 8, which has been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the claim rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-33 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Weber (US. Patent No. 6,499,013), in view of Chen (US Patent No. 6,067,514) and further in view of Buist (US. Patent No. 6,408,282). Applicants contend that at the very least, claims 1, 13, and 22 are patentable and non-obvious over the combination of Weber, Chen, and Buist.

For instance, with regard to claim 1, the combination of such references does not disclose or suggest, for example, *wherein updating the database comprises automatically adapting the weights for the names in the database, based upon a transaction volume over a predetermined period of time*, as recited in claim 1. The Examiner acknowledges that neither Weber nor Chen discloses transaction volume as claimed (see pages 4, 8 of the Office Action). The Examiner relies on Buist (FIG. 14, step 1450 and Col. 13, lines 25-27) as disclosing that the weight is determined based on transaction volume of at least one name over a predetermined period of time (Fig. 6, step 677, Col. 13, lines 25-27) (as asserted on pages 4 and 8 of the Office Action.).

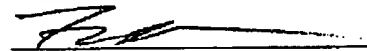
It is respectfully submitted, however, that the Examiner's reliance on Buist in this regard is wholly misplaced. Although Buist arguably discloses a system and method for conducting a securities transaction in which stock trading volume information is provided to a user, there is simply nothing in the cited section that even remotely discloses or

suggests that *updating the database comprises automatically adapting the weights for the names in the database, based upon a transaction volume over a predetermined period of time.*

Similarly, with regard to claims 13 and 22, the cited sections of Buist do not disclose or even remotely suggest that the transaction volume information is used to determine a weight of an name for a grammar file in database within the context of the claimed invention. In this regard, the Examiner's reliance on Buist is not reasonable. The Examiner should clarify this position with more detailed explanation, rather than simple citation to seemingly irrelevant portions of Buist. Indeed, irrespective of the general disclosure of "transaction volume information", the Examiner cannot just simply argue, without more, that such disclosure renders the claimed features obvious. This argument simply has no basis under legal standards of obviousness analysis.

For at least the above reasons, claims 1, 13 and 22 are patentable and non-obvious over the combination of Weber, Chen, and Buist. Moreover, claims 2-7, 9-12, 14-21 and 23 - 33 are patentable over such combination at least by virtue of their dependence from respective base claims 1, 13 or 22. Withdrawal of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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